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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The following sections are being submitted for this Information

Disclosure Statement:

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## Section 1 Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

While this Information Disclosure Statement may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56 it is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b) the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists.

## Section 2 Identification of Time of Filing

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the issuance of the first office action.

The art was encountered in the course of the prosecution of the corresponding foreign application(s) in German patent application no. 198 22 108.8 and cited in the specification of the present application.

## Section 4 Statements with Respect to Listing of Information

A list of the patents and publications is set forth on the attached pages of Form PTO-1449 (modified).

Section 6  
Statements with Respect to Copies of Listed Information  
Items Accompanying This Statement

A copy of each of the items on PTO-1449 (modified) is supplied herewith.

Respectfully Submitted,



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